



# CFF @ BSSD

News and notes about Classrooms For the Future at Blairsville-Saltsburg School District

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Thanks to all of you who have shared your ideas, classrooms, and projects this year. I look forward to working with you again next year. Have a happy, safe, and RELAXING summer!  
-Stacie

## Glogster Mania!

Teachers in the district have discovered the easy to use, digital poster making tool called Glogster. With Glogster, students can create digital posters with images, links, videos, audio, and text to demonstrate their knowledge of a subjects.

AP History students in Ms. Cooper's class created haikus with images and audio to match as a culminating activity to their studies about the Great Depression. For a PA History project, Saltsburg students used Ms. Laub's advice and created an excellent glog featuring maps, links, video, and landmarks. In January, students in Ms. Clawson's class used glogs to compliment their poetry readings. Glogs are very low on the "technology threat" scale and integrate well with other resources such as Discovery Education.

**Next year**, why not skip the glitter and glue sticks and upgrade a traditional poster project by using Glogster? To learn more, visit, <http://www.glogster.com/edu>.



## ATTENTION CFF TEACHERS:

- CFF Student and Teacher Post Surveys are open **May 25-29**.
- The deadline for completing the CFF Embedded Learning course is **August 31, 2009**.

## Mathematical Music Makers

Math students in Miss Lloyd and Mr. Kaylor's classes have been making beautiful music lately by creating math songs to show their mathematical and musical talents. To see the videos and listen to the songs, please visit the CFF Wiki: <http://bssd-cff.wikispaces.com/Math+Songs>.

### Playlist:

- Quadratic Equation - (original)
- Say Stats, Yeah! - (original)
- Math, Math, Baby - (sung to Ice Ice Baby, by Vanilla Ice)
- Muh Muh Muh Math - (sung to Poker Face, by Lady GaGa)
- Effigy of a Dumb Math Student - (original)
- Equations & Geometry - (sung to Hot & Cold, by Katy Perry)
- Man, I Feel Like Going to Math Class - (sung to Man, I Feel Like A Woman, by Shania Twain)

Projects such as these are easily created with free programs such as Audacity (for editing audio), Windows Movie Maker (for editing video), drop.io (for storing and sharing audio), and YouTube (for storing and sharing video). Give it a try **next year**!



## Cross Country Egg Toss

Saltsburg students in Miss Jake's class participated in a cross country egg toss this year. The class sent eggs to Philadelphia, New Jersey, and California. SES then received a call via Skype from the recipients to watch the opening of the package and to check the status of each egg. This project offered students a great chance to make connections with other classrooms across the country. One recipient, Mrs. Hartman's class from New Jersey, even made a [blog post](#) about their catching egg-perience!



### Student Projects

SAT Vocab  
WWII Project  
Dead Poets  
Great Depression  
3D Geometry  
AP English  
Book Blogs  
Math Songs  
Elementary Egg Toss  
Romeo & Juliet  
PA History

Throughout the year, BSSD students have created some great projects!

While you enjoy your much deserved summer vacation, take a moment to view the student projects on the CFF Wiki:

<http://bssd-cff.wikispaces.com>

Who knows? You may find inspiration!

## Summer Technology Workshop (Geek Week)

This August, we would like to offer a week-long, mix-n-match style series of technology trainings to all teachers for Act 48 credit. Topics we're considering include:









- Video/Web Conferencing (Skype, eMissions, Virtual Field Trips)
- Learning Networks (Twitter, Delicious, Feed Readers, etc.)
- Collaboration Tools (Blogs, Wikis, etc.)
- Digital Video (Capture, Create, Edit, etc.)
- Web 2.0 Tools (Glogster, Wordle, Flowgram, etc.)
- Online Resources (Discovery Ed, Nettekter, Thinkfinity, etc.)
- Interactive Whiteboards (SMART, Promethean, etc.)
- Google Tools (Docs, Forms, Maps, etc.)

To give your input on dates, location, and topics, complete the Summer Technology Workshop survey at <http://tinyurl.com/qhhcb5>.

You can also access the survey by visiting the BSSD website and clicking the [Online Resources](#) link on the right side.

### MATCH GAME

Match each tech tool logo in the left column with the correct description in the right column.

1. 	a. post updates about an event in real time
2. 	b. free calls, video calls and instant messages
3. 	c. free digital movie editing software found on most Windows XP computers
4. 	d. a place where you can create a simple to use collaborative website to use in your classroom and your school
5. 	e. create an interactive online poster with links, photos, text, stickers, sound, music, or animation
6. 	f. database for lessons, resources, or interactive content from various providers
7. 	g. free social messaging utility for staying connected in real-time
8. 	h. comprehensive online video-on-demand teaching resource that is scientifically proven to increase academic achievement.